

Engadine West Public School

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents

As this is the last week of Term 4, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students for their efforts and commitment in 2015 and to all the staff for their dedication and professionalism in delivering high standard educational opportunities for the children. Our school would not be as effective if we did not have the strong support of our community. Thank you to everyone for a great 2015!

Staff Farewell

This week we sadly say goodbye to some of our staff for varying reasons. Mrs Sams and Mrs Browne start their retirement after long and impressive careers. Both ladies are outstanding leaders and educationalists who will be sadly missed. Mr Meakin, Ms Trio and Mrs Selcraig are also leaving to commence the next chapter of their careers. I'm sure everyone at Engadine West wish them all the very best in the future. Miss Connor will be taking leave to work in Queensland during 2016 and Mrs Highett will be taking leave for Semester One and will return to duty at the beginning of Semester Two. As Principal I would like to thank all the abovementioned teachers for their efforts and support.

Year 6 Students

This is the final week of our Year 6 students in primary school. I would like to wish the students and their families all the best at High School. The children are well prepared for the challenges ahead. Irrespective of the High School they attend, they will always be part of the Engadine West family. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who have supported their children and the school over many years.

School Development Days

The last day of Term 4 for the students is Wednesday 16 December. Staff remain at school on Thursday and Friday for two School Development days. These days will be utilised to focus on the following:

1. New History Syllabus
2. Effective iPad use in classrooms
3. Resource Management
4. Child Protection Training
5. School Planning for 2016
6. Grade Meetings



Engadine West Public School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to the *Community of Schools on the Park* (COSOtP) by the *Rotary Club of Engadine*



Principal's Message Cont'd

Students return to school to commence the 2016 school year on Thursday 28 January 2016. On behalf of all the staff at Engadine West Public School and myself, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. See you all in 2016!

Garry Royston
Principal



Deputy Principals' Reports

This has been a very good first year for me at Engadine West. The staff here are dedicated, supportive, friendly and professional and I thank everyone for being very welcoming and for such a fantastic year. This year for schools, like recent years has been busy implementing new measures. This year EWPS has introduced a substantial amount of new concepts into our teaching such as The Australian Professional Teaching Standards, (Teacher) Professional Development Plans and a Teacher Observation process. As well we have implemented another new syllabus, enlarged our Gifted and Talented program and brought in a new three year school plan. We have been busy.

Many thanks to our P & C for supporting our IT equipment this year. This has brought a substantial amount of new technology into our classrooms and it has been fantastic to see it utilised. This equipment, funded from our P & C and school has established EWPS with a very solid foundation to further our 21st Century learning for the new year.

Thank you everyone; our Office Ladies and ancillary staff, parents, students and staff for a wonderful year. Have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Jason Wilkins

2015 has proven to be a highly successful year with pleasing outcomes for all our students. Together we have been able to maintain focus on our strategic directions, promote a dynamic school curriculum and maintain a strong, positive school culture that is a model for schools across NSW. As a highly effective team we have implemented significant improvements in curriculum and professional development that will continue to yield strong outcomes for 21 Century learning.

Thank you to the school community for your support and cooperation. I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Ross Edwards



Year 6 Information

This week our senior students finish their primary schools careers after seven years of learning here at Engadine West. We are proud of their achievements and growth and are very sad to see them go. The plan for this week:

Tuesday 15 December	10.00am	Year 6 Presentation Assembly
Wednesday 16 December	9.30am	Year 6 Vs teachers sport challenge (students and staff only)
	3.00pm	Farewell Archway - <i>bring your tissues!</i>

We would like to wish students and parents a safe and happy holiday.

Year 6 Teachers



Shining Stars



Congratulations to Drew C-M (5A) for being named Jenko Pony Club Champion Under 9-11 Years Rider. Well done Drew!



School Security - A Community Responsibility

During the school holidays, please keep your eye out for any sign of vandalism or inappropriate behaviour in the school grounds. If you notice anything suspicious please ring the security hotline on **1300 880 021** or Engadine Police on **9548 4999**. Your support continues to protect our valuable assets.

Thank You to our Volunteers

We wish our volunteers a wonderful Christmas and a very well earned holiday!

Uniform Shop

A special thank you to Mrs Tracy Farquhar, Mrs Cathy Cunyngham, Mrs Deb Kimber and their team of volunteers who all do an amazing job running the Uniform Shop. We appreciate your hard work throughout the year.



Canteen

Thank you to our volunteers who assist Mrs Leanne Best in the Canteen and to all those talented bakers who donate delicious goodies on our special days. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Student Banking

Student Banking is carried out every Tuesday thanks to the dedication of our "Banking Ladies". Special mention to Mrs Cherie Blamire, Mrs Michelle Birss and Mrs Jodie Armstrong for looking after this very important role. We sadly say goodbye to Cherie after many years of volunteering here at Engadine West.

Book Club

Our Book Club Co-ordinators do a marvellous job each month. Special thanks to Mrs Stephanie Wise and Mrs Mandy Goodman for processing Scholastic orders and ensuring these books are delivered to students. We also say goodbye to Mandy after being a valued volunteer for many years.



As we wish our Year 6 students good luck as they move onto high school, we'd also like to say farewell and good luck to any Year 6 parents who will be leaving our school community this year!

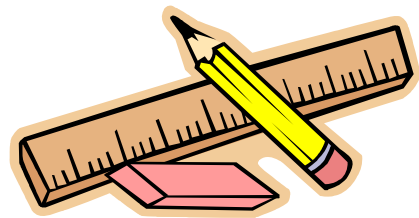
Year 1 Classroom Requirements 2016 Year 2 Classroom Requirements

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (good quality and not liquid glue)
- ♦ 5 HB lead pencils
- ♦ Eraser
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type)
- ♦ Coloured pencils/wind up crayons (no Textas)
- ♦ 1 pencil case (small)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home Reading Pouch
- ♦ Roll of paper towel
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ 2 packets of wet wipes or hand sanitiser
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ 2 highlighters
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)

- ♦ 3 glue sticks (replace when used)
- ♦ 2 highlighters (different colours)
- ♦ Library bag
- ♦ Home reading bag
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Small pencil case
- ♦ Eraser, sharpener (container type)
- ♦ 2 HB pencils (replace when used)
- ♦ Coloured pencils and/or wind up crayons for colouring work in books (textas are optional)
- ♦ Raincoat (remains in school bag)
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ Sunscreen to remain in school bag (replace when used)

Years 3 & 4 Classroom Requirements

- ♦ 4 HB lead pencils - replace when used
- ♦ Red and blue pens
- ♦ Soft white pencil rubber
- ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) **not flexi type**, clear plastic if possible
- ♦ 2 glue sticks
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Paint shirt
- ♦ Dictionary - Macquarie Primary is recommended
- ♦ Pencil sharpener
- ♦ Coloured pencils and textas
- ♦ Highlighter
- ♦ Raincoat
- ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use)
- ♦ 96 page A4 ruled exercise book (homework)
- ♦ A book each day for silent reading
- ♦ A3 scrapbook/artbook (can be re-used from Year 3 to Year 4)
- ♦ A4 display folder
- ♦ Thin black artline texta
- ♦ USB thumb drive - can be purchased for under \$10
- ♦ Box of tissues
- ♦ Paper towels or wet ones
- ♦ Liquid soap



Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and replace items when used

Thank You

Years 5 & 6 Classroom Requirements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 6 HB lead pencils ♦ Red and blue pens ♦ Green pen ♦ Thin black artline texta ♦ Soft white pencil rubber ♦ Ruler 30cm (cm & mm) not flexi type, clear plastic if possible ♦ 2 Glue sticks ♦ Scissors ♦ A4 Display homework folder ♦ Paint shirt ♦ A3 size art portfolio or scrapbook ♦ Clear contact (to cover class exercise books) ♦ Dictionary (Macquarie Senior) ♦ Pencil sharpener (container type) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Coloured pencils and textas ♦ Highlighters ♦ Plastic A4 storage envelope ♦ Raincoat ♦ Novel for silent reading ♦ Calculator (optional) ♦ Protractor ♦ Headphones for laptops ♦ USB thumb drive - 2GB ♦ A box of tissues x 2 ♦ Paper towels ♦ Sunscreen (for personal use) ♦ Correction fluid/tape not permitted |
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For Your Diary

Term 4 - Week 11

Monday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yr 5 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * Canteen Open Recess & Lunch - No Lunch Orders
Tuesday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen Closed * Yr 6 Presentation Assembly 10.00am * K-2 Party Day - Mufti * 3-5 Picnic Day - Mufti
Wednesday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canteen Open Recess & Lunch - No Lunch Orders * Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thursday 17 December	* School Development Day
Friday 18 December	* School Development Day

Term 1 - Week 1

Monday 25 January	*
Tuesday 26 January	* Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January	* School Development Day Staff Only
Thursday 28 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First day for Students in Years 1-6 * Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Friday 29 January	* Kindergarten Best Start Testing

Term 1 - Week 2

Monday 1 February	* Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Tuesday 2 February	* First Day of School for Kindergarten Students

Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Activity
Monday	14 December	Year 5 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall
Tuesday	15 December	Year 6 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am in Hall Years K-2 Party Day - Mufti Years 3-5 Picnic Day - Mufti
Wednesday	16 December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Thursday	17 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Friday	18 December	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Term 1 - 2016		
Wednesday	27 January	School Development Day for Staff (No Students)
Thursday	28 January	First Day of Term 1 for Students Year 1 to Year 6 Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Friday	29 January	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Monday	1 February	Best Start Testing for 2016 Kindergarten Students
Tuesday	2 February	2016 Kindergarten Students First Day of School



Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now closed for this year. Orders may be placed at the Front Office but will not be filled until the new year. The next Uniform Shop opening time will be:

Term 1 2016

Wednesday 3 February 2016 from 9.15-10.15am

Students commencing Year 3 in 2016 will need to purchase a gold polo shirt with school logo for sport. They are available from the Uniform Shop at a cost of \$20.00.

Thank you for supporting the Uniform Shop throughout 2015 and a big thank you also to our wonderful volunteers. Without their help, the Uniform Shop would not be able to operate. If you would like to be placed on our roster for next year, please leave your details at the front office.

Tracy Farquhar & Kathy Cunynghame
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators



Canteen News

Find us on Facebook - EWPS Canteen

Please note that lunch orders **must be placed by 9.30am**.

2016 Roster - Your Canteen Needs You!

We are in need of volunteers for next year. Volunteers are rostered on once every 4 weeks from school drop off until approximately 3.00pm, however, we are very flexible. Whatever time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Options to consider:

- ★ Once a term.
- ★ A few hours of a morning to prepare fresh food.
- ★ Serving at recess and/or lunch breaks.
- ★ A few hours in the afternoon.

All training is provided and we endeavour to provide a fun work place. You are welcome to drop in and have a look around and meet some of our wonderful volunteers.

Friday 11 December - Last Day for Lunch Orders

Please note the last day for lunch orders was Friday 11 December. On Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 the canteen will be open for recess and lunch only, no lunch orders.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has helped me this year. From volunteering in the canteen, to donating cakes and slices for special days, your generosity and dedication is always appreciated. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Good luck to this year's Year 6 students on their high school adventure.

Leanne Best
Canteen Supervisor

This Week's Roster

Monday – 14 December

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Tuesday - 15 December

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Wednesday - 16 December

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Department of
Primary Industries



NSW Department of Primary Industries Recreational Fisheries' Primary Schools Program

About the program

Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish encourages children to take an active role in the management of their waterways and fish stocks. The program is designed for Yr 3 to Yr 6 students (Stages 2 and 3) in all NSW primary schools.

During the course of this program, primary school students are introduced to freshwater and marine fishing and aims to:

- provide students with the basic skills necessary for recreational fishing with the view that it will become a lifelong interest.
- introduce students to the concept of sustaining quality aquatic habitats by practicing safe and responsible fishing.
- allow all NSW primary schools equitable access to the program.

So what are the Six Codes all about?

Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish comprises six teaching modules which form a Junior Fishing Code. Each code is based on principles from the National Fishing Code of Practice by RecFish Australia. A brief description of what students learn about in the 6 Junior Fishing Codes is outlined below.

Code 1 'Take only what you need' - The importance of the food chain and how taking too many of one species of fish may affect the entire chain, so only take enough for your own immediate needs.

Code 2 'Fish with friends' - Safety near waterways, awareness of safe fishing conditions and also the importance of always having a responsible fishing friend to go fishing with you.

Code 3 'You're the solution to water pollution' - How to identify and reduce the impact their actions may have on waterways, in particular the impact litter can have on aquatic species.

Code 4 'Put the little ones back' - Students investigate the rules and regulations that relate to the size of fish you are allowed to catch and why we need to keep certain species and sizes of fish for the future.

Code 5 'Don't leave your tackle behind' - Students develop an understanding of the ways they can reduce the risk to aquatic species by ensuring they are responsible and careful fishers with a respect to the environment they are fishing in.

Code 6 'Quality catchments equal quality fish' - Students investigate the complex nature of a catchment and develop an understanding of the impacts of human activity in one waterway and how it can impact the entire catchment.

